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## **SWISSPORT OPENS AUSTRALIA'S FIRST ASPIRE LOUNGE AT PERTH AIRPORT / SECOND LOUNGE TO OPEN LATER THIS YEAR**

Swissport International is further expanding its lounge business in the Asia-Pacific region. Following the recent acquisition of No1 Lounges with airport lounges in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, Swissport has now launched the first Australian lounge under its global Aspire brand. The lounge is located at Perth Airport's Terminal 2.

With the opening of its first Australian Aspire Lounge at Perth Airport's Terminal 2, Swissport continues to expand its lounge network in Asia Pacific. Just weeks after the acquisition of No1 Lounges with facilities in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, the new Aspire lounge in Perth becomes Swissport's fourth lounge in Australia. It was developed in partnership with Perth Airport and is open to all passengers departing from Terminal 2. The terminal is currently home to charter and regional flights operated by Virgin Australia, Alliance Airlines and Rex.

"We are excited to bring our renowned Aspire lounge brand to Perth Airport. It will make travelling for our guests as relaxing as possible. Our lounge products are carefully designed to meet the unique and evolving needs of our airport and airline partners," says Brad Moore, Swissport's Managing Director Australasia. "The remote area workers that frequent Perth's Terminal 2 will have access to a peaceful new space for socializing and dining, adding some extra comforts to the start of their journey."

"Pay-per-use lounges are becoming more popular at airports around the world," says Perth Airport Chief Commercial Officer Kate Holsgrove. "It is great to be able to open the new Aspire Lounge to our regional passengers as a place to escape the hustle and bustle before their flight."

The new Perth Airport Terminal 2 Aspire lounge offers comfortable seating and a relaxing atmosphere for 120 guests. Visitors enjoy unique and carefully selected food and drink options, adjusted seasonally, with small, local suppliers ensuring a taste of Western Australia. Lounge amenities also include a variety of digital magazines and newspapers, charging facilities, televisions, and free WiFi. On the occasion of the lounge opening, a special entry price of \$22 is available for August, with standard pricing at \$44 if purchased online (\$49.50 walk up). Corporate rates are available through resourcing companies and salary packing providers.

A second Aspire lounge at Perth Airport's Terminal 1 will launch later this year. It will be built in the airport's former control center and part of the observation deck, transforming it into a dedicated space for passengers to

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unwind and enjoy sweeping views of the airport and the city skyline before embarking on their journey. It will be located on level 3 of Terminal 1, connected to the international departures area and close to boarding gates.

Swissport manages 54 lounges at more than 30 airports in 13 countries under its Aspire brand. Aspire lounges are open to travelers irrespective of their class of travel. The lounges offer a relaxing space and amenities that ensure each airport layover is a rewarding and relaxing experience.

In 2020, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 82 million airline passengers (pre-Covid 2019: 265 million) and handled roughly 4.1 million tons of air freight (2019: 4.6 million) at over 100 cargo warehouses worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV Pharma and by the British MHRA. The world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently around 45,000 employees, was active at 269 airports in 47 countries on six continents at the end of 2020.

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